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Hier stehe ich, ich kann nicht anders; Gott helfe mir! Amen!—LUTHER.

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The Character of Christ.

When we contemplate the character of Christ, a sensation of the most pleasing and exalted kind pervades our minds. Though his praises are continually declared, yet those who appreciate his motives and kindness, in appearing to man, continually desire to learn more of this wonderful being. He who takes an interest but slight at first in subjects of this nature, soon becomes impressed with their solemnity and importance; he is unconsciously attracted, and yields to an influence too mild and too agreeable to be resisted. For when we are once inclined with love and admiration of Christ, it is difficult to resist the sweet and soothing voice which whispers to us to follow our mediator and saviour.

The character of our Saviour, deduced from his actions whilst he assumed a mortal form, is calculated to excite feelings of intense interest. The dignity that recommends religion, and the virtue that adorns humanity were so beautifully exemplified in him, that we may well declare those who exhibit indifference in these subjects to have hearts incapable of any gentle feeling. We dare not presume to speak of Jesus Christ as God, otherwise than to acknowledge our deepest gratitude and most profound veneration, but as a man, we may dilate on those points in his character which so eminently distinguished him from mortals. For though without sin yet he took upon himself our human nature, soul as well as body. However his human nature was not confounded with his divine; the distinction between them was as obvious as that between our soul and body. This was exemplified in many instances. In one case the union of a divine and human nature in the same being was beautifully illustrated. It was at that time when, as he was sleeping a tempest arose. His frame was wearied, and, as a man he sought to refresh himself by sleep. Sleep, by its simi-

I ceased reading, and commenced again from the 10th chapter of Mark, the history of the healing of blind Bartimeus.

"Herrmann," said I, at the same time laying my hand on his shoulders, "do you know who this blind man is? (here he took off his hat and drew his hand across his forehead.)

I now commenced reading from the 3d chapter of John, beginning at the 12th verse. At the same time imploring God that he would bless his word—I was deeply affected myself, my friend was leaning against one of the tall pines engaged in prayer; the miller stood beside the wood chopper and had taken hold of his hand. When I had finished the 16th verse I ceased, and after a short pause, said to Herrmann, now friend, are you willing to be lost? Would it not be better to believe in God, and Jesus Christ, than to harden your heart?

"Ah! he exclaimed with a faltering voice, "if you knew how I have lived."

"We are at present talking of your death my friend. You are old Herrman?" 'O yes, he replied, 'Sixty years sit heavy on one's shoulders.' Then turning round to the miller, he continued, "what this gentleman has been reading to us pleases me. And as you, Peter, have such a book at home, I hope you will let me hear you read it occasionally. But you young men must not laugh, old Herrman has not entirely surrendered, we'll talk of this matter again. Addressing me and extending his hand he said, 'I thank you kindly my dear Sir, you were prompted by pure love, to attempt something for my instruction, although I am a stranger to you. God reward you. With these words he turned round, and while he endeavored to hide his tears, faintly whistled a tune and winded his way slowly down the mountain. The rest followed, the miller alone remained and said "pray to God dear Sirs; this soul has heard of the Father." (John 6. 45.) and left us likewise.

"Heard of the Father!" repeated my friend with astonishment, "And is the grace of God known here? Blessed be his name! Oh that it may be magnified, and his praise be heard from the mouths of all his children!"

Let the reader of this plain narration rejoice, that the word of God triumphed over the sturdy mountaineer; and pray the Lord of the harvest to multiply his labourers for the harvest is great—verily there are many who reject the salvation of the Lord, and endeavor to suppress every thought of death and eternity; but they are few who know what it means: "To have heard the voice of the Father." LAYMAN.

Bolivar has sent Roman Catholic Missionaries among the Indians in the interior of South America.—*N. Y. Statesman.*

Minutes

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia,

Held at Shepherd's-town, Jefferson county, Va. October 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, A. D. 1828.

Divine service was performed on Saturday evening, by Revd. Eyster, Text, Matthew vii. 21.

On Sunday morning the President delivered the Pastoral discourse from Titus iii. 8., after which the members of the Synod and a number of persons in attendance, partook of the Lord's Supper. The Revd. A. Reck, preached in the German Reformed church. In the afternoon the Secretary delivered a discourse from Matthew xxiv. 14; and at candle-light the Rev. Mr Morris preached from Nehemiah ii. 20. During all the services, the audience was numerous and attentive.

Monday, half past 8 *o'clock, A. M.*—The Synod was constituted by singing a hymn, and prayer. The names of the Ministers, attached to this Synod, were called, viz:

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE.
1.	Revd.	Dr. Kurtz, absent, but excused,	Baltimore, Md
2.	"	J. Herbst, sen. absent	Manchester, Md
3.	"	J. Grob, absent	Taney-town, Md
4.	"	D. F. Schaeffer, : : : : : : : :	Frederick, Md
5.	"	F. Hass, : : : : : : : : : : : :	G. S. Preston co. Va
6.	"	M. Sackman, : : : : : : : : : :	Loudon county, Va
7.	"	A. Reck, : : : : : : : : : : : :	Middle-town, Md
8.	"	B. Kurtz, : : : : : : : : : :	Hagers-town, Md
9.	"	N. Schmucker, absent	Woodstock, Va
10.	"	M. Myerheffer, absent, but excused by letter to Synod.	Harrisonburg, Va
11.	"	H. Graber, absent	———
12.	"	J. Kehler, : : : : : : : : : : :	Madison, Va
13.	"	C. P. Krauth, absent and excused	———
14.	"	J. Winter, : : : : : : : : : : :	Williamsport, Md
15.	"	W. Keil, absent and excused	———
16.	"	M. Wachter, : : : : : : : : : :	Frederick, Md
17	"	N. B. Little, absent	Cumberland, Md
18.	"	J. N. Hoffman, : : : : : : : : :	Taney-town, Md
19.	"	S. K. Hoshour, : : : : : : : : : :	Smiths-town
20.	"	J. G. Morris, : : : : : : : : :	Baltimore, Md
21.	"	J. Medtart, : : : : : : : : : :	Martinsburg, Va
22.	"	D. Eyster, : : : : : : : : : : :	Middleway, Va
23.	"	J. Albert, : : : : : : : : : : :	Manchester, Md
24.	"	J. P. Cline, : : : : : : : : : : :	New Market, Va
25.	"	L. Eichelberger, : : : : : : : :	Winchester, Va

Revd. S. S. Schmucker and J. Herbst, jr. delegates from the West Pennsylvania Synod, were admitted to all the rights and privileges, enjoyed by the members of the Synod.

Revd. Mr. Beecher, of the German Reformed, and Revd. Mr Cox, of the Presbyterian church, were admitted as advisory members.

The following Lay-men exhibited their credentials, as representatives of the several churches connected with this Synod.

F. Nusz, Frederick, Md
J. Winsel, Loudon county, Va
J. Foutz, Middle-town, Md
G. Shryock, Hagers-town, Md
P. Showman, Williamsport, Md
F. Eichelberger, Creagers-town, Md
M. Copenhaver, Winchester, Va
A. Link, Martinsburg, Va
A. Lichtenwalter, Taney-town, Md
P. Mong, Smiths-town, Md
D. Bixler, Baltimore, Md
H Bowers, Middleway, Va
J. Stefly, New Market, Va

Agreeably to the constitution, the officers for the ensuing year were elected, viz:

Revd. B. KURTZ,	*President.*
" *D. F SCHAEFFER,*	*Secretary.*
" *A. RECK,*	*Treasurer.*

The letters addressed to the Synod, were then laid on the table, and divided among the following committees, to examine and report their contents.

1st Committee—Revd. Reck, Kehler, Morris, Mong, and F. Eichelberger.

2d Committee—Revd. Winter, Wachter, Hoffman, Nusz, and Shryock.

3d Committee—Revd. Sackman, Hoshour, Eyster, Bixler, and Lichtenwalter.

The report of the first committee was read. The only point to be acted upon, is a request of Cyrus Blood, esq. expressed in a printed letter, that the Synod approve and co-operate with him, in the publication of "Starke's Exposition" in the German language.

Resolved, That this Synod highly approves of Starke's Commentary on the Bible, intended to be published by C. Blood, esq. and sincerely wishes him success in his undertaking.

The report of the second committee was read. The business requiring the attention of the Synod, is a letter from the Council of the Silver Run church, stating that they have called the Rev. J. Albert from Pennsylvania, to take charge of the churches connected with them—that he has actually entered upon the discharge of his duty, and that they pray the Synod, not to direct a change of the arrangements now existing.

Resolved, That the Synod, feels no hesitation in expressing its approbation of the arrangements adopted by the Council of the Silver Run church with those connected with it.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS

For the last year, were called for, and stand thus:

	Congregations.	*Collections*	*Baptisms*	*Confirmed.*	*Communed.*	*Deaths*	*Sunday schools.*
Dr. Kurtz	Not	report	ed.				
J. Grob	Not	report	ed.				
J. Herbst, sen.	Not	report	ed.				
D. F. Schaeffer	1	$20	214	56	512	41	1
A. Reck	4	10 00	130	62	300	27	2
F. Haas	3	—	34	12	151	3	3
M. Sackman	1	5 00	45	—	12	10	—
B. Kurtz	2	12 16	96	61	443	36	2
J. Kehler	1	5 16	77	—	50	13	1
J. Winter	4	20 00	80	93	325	12	1
M. Meyerhoffer	8	—	265	42	848	37	4
M. Wachter	7	13 03	86	34	485	12	2
J. N. Hoffman	4	15 75	100	40	500	13	2
S. Hoshour	4	6 25	60	66	207	13	2
J. G. Morris	1	10 00	26	18	46	10	1
J. Medtart	2	15 18	51	17	140	8	2
P. Eyster	5	Late	ly en	tered	upon	his	duties
J. P. Cline	Not	report	ed.				
J. Albert	Not	report	ed.				

A call was now made by the church at Winchester, for the Pastoral services of Mr. L. Eichelberger, late of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the request of the Winchester church be granted, if Mr Eichelberger, after due examination, be approved of.

The following document was read, and the subsequent resolutions, adopted unanimously, viz:

Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Many pious members of our church, and friends of our Theological Seminary, having for a length of time seen and felt the importance of augmenting the very limited funds of this Institution, in order thereby to raise its respectability and dignity, and especially with a view to give to it a more extended sphere of usefulness; and a number of them having accordingly suggested the wish, that suitable and effectual measures might be adopted to furnish to the treasury of said Seminary, a permanent fund of $10,000 for the purpose of enabling the Board of Directors to call a second Professor from Germany. Therefore, we the subscribers, bind ourselves and heirs, to pay in two equal annual instalments, to the Treasurer of the Seminary, the sum of $100, on condition that before the expiration of twelve months, one hundred persons, including ourselves, shall consent to do the same, on the same terms; allowing at the same time, to any one who may not feel himself able to

pay the whole of said amount himself, the privilege of uniting with others, for the payment of it.

York, Penn. October 7, 1828.

J. Daniel Kurtz,	*G. Heilig,*
J. G. Schmucker,	*John N. Hoffman,*
Jno. G. Morris,	*Lewis Eichelberger,*
Benjamin Kurtz,	*G. A. Reichert & N. G. Sharretts*
George Schmucker,	*David Jacobs,*

Resolved, That we highly approve of the laudable attempt now making, by our brethren of the West Pennsylvania Synod, to raise a permanent fund, in order to call a second Professor from the land of our ancestors.

Resolved, That we will give it our most cordial support, and use all our influence in co-operating with our enterprising brethren, for the purpose of carrying into effect, the very desirable object contemplated in the attempt alluded to.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft a constitution, and propose officers, for the government of "A Parent Domestic Missionary and Education Society," and also to offer a constitution for Auxiliary Societies Revd. Morris, Reck, Medtart, and Messrs. Nusz and Shryock, were accordingly appointed.

The following preamble and resolution was offered and adopted:

Whereas our brethren of West Pennsylvania, lately convened in Synod at York, Pa. resolved to publish a religious paper in the German language, with a view to promote the interests of our churches, by furnishing them with religious information respecting the state of the church of Christ in general, and of that branch of it to which we belong in particular; and whereas we are deeply sensible of the importance and usefulness of such a publication, and have full confidence in the brethren appointed by said Synod as Editor, and as editing committee; therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prospect of soon seeing a well conducted German religious periodical established, and devoted to the welfare of our Zion, and that in order to make it as useful as possible by giving it as extended a circulation as we can; we herewith engage to recommend the said periodical to our congregations, and to collect as many subscribers for it as we shall be able to obtain.

After prayer, the Synod adjourned.

2 *o'clock, P. M.*—Constituted by prayer.

The committee appointed to draft a constitution, and propose officers, for the government of "A Parent Domestic Missionary and Education Society," &c. reported, viz:

Constitution of the Parent Domestic Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the "Parent Domestic Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia."

Art. 2. This Society shall hold its annual meetings, at the time and place of the meeting of the Synod, on such evening as the Officers may appoint.

Art. 3. The object of the Society shall be to assist pious indigent students for the ministry, in completing their studies at the Theological Seminary—to supply our destitute brethren with the means of grace, and to promote the general interests of the Gospel in the Lutheran church.

Art. 4. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, 5 Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and 20 Managers, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society.

Art. 5. The Board of Directors shall conduct the affairs of the Society, adopt their own By-Laws, appoint Missionaries, and the field of their operations, control the funds, and superintend the general business of the Society.

Art 6. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, who shall meet semi-annually, and more frequently if necessary, and report their proceedings to the Society at its annual meeting.

Art. 7. The Treasurer shall pay any sum the Board may demand, and annually present a written statement of all receipts and expenditures of the year, with the amount of funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. The annual payment of one dollar shall constitute membership.

Art 9. The payment of ten dollars shall constitute membership for life.

Art. 10. The payment of twenty dollars shall constitute directorship for life.

Art, 11. Every Auxiliary Society paying five dollars annually to the treasury, shall be entitled to a Delegate.

Art, 12. This constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the recommendation of the Board at its annual meetings—and for this purpose, two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary.

Officers of the Society, for the ensuing year.

***President.—JOHN REESE*, Baltimore.**

VICE PRESIDENTS.

GEORGE HAGER, Hagers-town,
Revd. DR. KURTZ, Baltimore,
LEWIS HOFF, Winchester,
JOHN HARRY, Hagers-town,
JACOB SEYBERT, Martinsburg.

Corresponding Secretary.—Revd. JOHN G. MORRIS, Baltimore.
Recording Secretary.—Revd. D. F. SCHAEFFER, Frederick.
Treasurer—LEWIS MEDTART, Frederick.

MANAGERS.

1 Revd. *J. Medtart*, Martinsburg	11 *Christopher Flora*, Smiths-town
2 *David Martin*, Baltimore	12 Revd. *J. P. Cline*, New Market
3 Revd. *A. Reck*, Middle-town	13 Revd. *N. B. Little*, Cumberland
4 *George Englebrecht*, Frederick	14 *Joshua Grimes*, Leitersburg
5 Revd. *J. Winter*, Williamsport	15 Col. *Rush*, Rockingham
6 Revd. *J. N Hoffman*, Taney-town	16 Mr. *Waltz*, Baltimore
7 *D. Keplinger*, Shepherds-town	17 Dr *G. W. Boerstler*, Funks-town.
8 *F. Eichelberger*, sr. Creagerstown	18 *Isaac Baugher*, Emmittsburg
9 Revd. *D. Eyster*, Middleway	19 *J. Baughman*, Manchester
10 *John Bentz*, Boonsborough	20 Revd. *J. Kehler*, Madison.

Form of a Constitution for an Auxiliary Domestic Missionary and Education Society.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the Domestic Missionary and Education of ———, auxiliary to the parent Society established by the Synod of Maryland and Virginia.

Art. 2. The officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and 12 Managers, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, and shall hold their meetings for the transaction of business, at such time and place, as they may deem proper.

Art. 3. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 4. The payment of one cent per week shall constitute membership.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the managers to collect subscibers, and their contributions.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, to keep a record of all the transactions of the Society, and of the names of all the subscibers.

Art. 7 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of the funds, and transmit them to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, as soon as collected.

After due deliberation, the above, as reported, was unanimously adopted.

The report of the third committee was read. It stated, that some disaffection had recently occurred, between the Lutheran and Reformed churches worshipping alternately in Friedens church, in consequence of the Rev. N. Schmucker refusing to give a general invitation to persons, to partake of the Lord's Supper, and that this was alleged by a respectable member of the G. Reformed church now present.

Resolved, That the Rev. N. Schmucker, in not giving a general invitation to partake of the Lord's Supper, did not transgress the discretionary power, vested in every individual Minister of our church.

The following preamble and resolutions, were after due deliberation adopted unanimously.

Whereas the compensation or salary allowed to the ministers in our church for their ministerial services is usually very small, and in many cases scarcely adequate to afford them a comfortable subsistence, and the slender support promised is frequently not collected, and whereas this neglect of duty on the part of the church officers, has on various occasions formed a subject of just complaint, particularly, when ministers in the providence of God, have been removed from one sphere of ministerial labor to another; therefore,

Resolved, That henceforth it shall not be lawful for any of our brethren in the ministry, to take charge of any congregation or congregations until all just arrearages shall have been paid to the preceding minister, unless explicit permission is given by the officers of the Synod.

Resolved, That we consider it just, that the travelling expenses, arising from attending the Synod on the part of the ministers and lay-delegates, be defrayed by our churches, according to the former usage and practice.

Resolved, That whenever a member of this Synod removes within the bounds of another Synod, it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary, to furnish him with a certificate, testifying to his correct deportment whilst a member of the same, and to his honorable discharge; and, that in a contrary case, a similar certificate shall be required by the officers of the Synod from the person applying for admission.

The time for which Mr. J. Harry was elected a Director of the Theological Seminary having expired, and the Rev. Mr Krauth having removed from the bounds of this Synod, Mr G Hager was elected for five years as successor to Mr Harry, and the Rev. J G. Morris to fill the vacancy, occasioned by the removal of the Rev. Krauth.

After prayer the Synod adjourned.

The Rev. S. Hoshour preached this evening—Text, 2 Peter, iii. 4, 5, 6.

Tuesday, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M*—Prayer.

On motion, Resolved, 1. That the Synod feel deeply indebted to our Rev. Brother Schaeffer, for his important services in editing the Intelligencer, and that he be requested to continue editor of the same.

2. That whereas the number of communications sent to the Editor for insertion, has not been as large as was expected, it be made the duty of three brethren, to be elected by the Synod, to send to the Editor, each regularly once in three months, an original communication on such subject as he may deem best suited to the design of the work.

The Rev. A. Reck, Morris and L. Eichleberger were accordingly appointed.

Whereas several of our brethren in the ministry, are absent without having sent an excuse, therefore,

Resolved, That we regret that they have neglected to comply with the requisitions of the Synod,—that they be reminded of their duty, and earnestly admonished to be more punctual hereafter.

The Treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct; $572,-74¼ remain in the treasury.

Resolved, That as much money as can be spared of the funds. shall for the present be loaned or vested in some productive stock, for which sufficient security can be given, by the officers of the Synod.

Rev. B. Kurtz and Rev. A. Reck were appointed delegates to the West Pennsylvania Synod.

Rev. Messrs. D. F. Schaeffer, B Kurtz, J. G. Morris and F. Nusz, G. Shryock, Esqrs. were elected members of the General Synod, which is to meet at Hagers-town, in October, A. D. 1829.

Resolved, That thirty dollars be paid on the part of this Synod, to defray the expenses incurred by publishing the Minutes of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the petition of J. Mohring and Abraham Lentz be granted.

Each minister now gave an account of the state of the churches under his Pastoral care, and with but perhaps a single exception, all appear to enjoy evidences of the presence of the Lord. Prayer meetings and the ordinances are generally well attended, and Sunday schools are flourishing. Still much remains to be done, and vital religion it is hoped, will be sought more earnestly and generally.

The Synodical business being finished, and several churches having invited the Synod, to hold its next meeting, in their midst; an election was held and determined, that the next meeting of the Synod take place at Williamsport, Washington county, Md. on the 3d Sunday in October, A. D. 1829.

After singing a hymn and prayer, the Synod was adjourned.

Ministerial Session.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr L. Eichleberger was examined, and,

Resolved, That he be initiated this evening as a Licentiate,

Resolved, That Messrs J. Medtart and D. Eyster, be ordained Pastors.

Resolved, That the additions to the Formula of Government and Discipline, as sanctioned by the General Synod (see page 246, Vol. 2. of the Intelligencer) be adopted by this Synod

The brethren then on bended knees, united with the Secretary in prayer, and adjourned.

At candlelight Messrs. J. Medtart and D. Eyster were solemnly ordained and set apart as Pastors or Bishops in the Evangelical Lutheran church, and Mr L Eichleberger as a Licentiate, according to the rites and usage of the church, by the officers of the Synod.

The President then delivered a very interesting charge and the congregation concluded by singing an appropriate hymn.

Jesus Christ the Head of the Church, has not withdrawn from us! Praise, honour and glory be ascribed unto him forever.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the proceedings of the Synod.

DAVID F. SCHAEFFER, Secretary.

Immediately after the services were concluded, the constitution of the Parent Domestic Missionary and Education Society was read, and a number of persons of both sexes subscribed it, and paid the sum constituting them members. The Editor would call the immediate attention of his brethren in faith, to the subject, and urge them without delay, to establish auxiliary societies. When the immense good to be effected is contemplated, and that saving but one cent weekly, will coustitute membership, he cannot but hope, that all our young people, will unite in forming auxiliary societies.

The Light of Nature.

The following anecdote is too good to be lost.

"The celebrated Mr Hume wrote an essay on the sufficiency of the light of nature, and the no less celebrated Robertson wrote on the necessity of revelation and the insufficiency of the light of nature. Hume came one evening to visit Robertson, and the evening was spent on this subject. The friends of both were present, and it is said that Robertson reasoned with unaccustomed clearness and power; whether Hume was convinced by his reasoning or not, we cannot tell, but at any rate, he did not acknowledge his conviction. Hume was very much of a gentleman, and as he rose to depart, bowed politely to those in the room, while as he retired through the door, Robertson took the light to show him the way. Hume was still facing the door: "Oh, sir," said he to Robertson, "I find the light of nature always sufficient," and continued, "pray, don't trouble yourself, sir," and so he bowed on. The street door was opened, and presently as he bowed along the entry, he stumbled over something concealed, and pitched down the stairs into the street. Robertson ran after him with the light, and as he held it over him, whispered softly and very cunningly, "You had better have a little light from above, friend Hume." And raising him up, he bid good night, and returned to his friends. *Christian Mirror.*

men! to whom it shall be given to say before the assembly of the whole human race, "Behold us, "Behold us, O Lord, and the children whom thou hast given us;" happy men! who being justified by the Saviour, shall receive in that day the reward of your labours, and also shall hear that glorious encomium: "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

"May Almighty God graciously favor you and your labours in all things. May he send to your aid fellow-laborers, such and as many as ye wish. May he increase the bounds of your churches. May he open the hearts of those to whom ye preach the gospel of Christ, that hearing you, they may receive life giving faith. May he protect you and yours from all evils and dangers. And when ye arrive (may it be late) at the end of your course, may the same God who hath called you to this work of the gospel, and hath preserved you in it, grant to you the reward of your labour, an incorruptible crown of glory.

"These are the fervent wishes and prayers of, brethren, your most faithful fellow servant in Christ. "GULIELMUS CANT.

"From our palace at Lambeth, January 7, A. D. 1719.

Providence hath been pleased to grant the prayer of the king, "that the work might not fail in generations to come," and the prophecy of his Archbishop is likely to be fulfilled, that it should extend "over the whole continent of oriental India." After the first missionary, Ziegenbalg, had finished his course, he was followed by other learned and zealous men, upwards of fifty in number in the period of a hundred years, among whom were Schultz, Iænicke, Gericke, and Swartz, whose ministry has been continued in succession in different provinces, unto this time.

Gospel Messenger.

Fire and smoke.

A wet silk handkerchief, tied without folding over the face, is, it is said, a complete security against suffocation from smoke; it permits free breathing, and at the same time excludes the smoke from the lungs. It has been effectually tried.

Paper made of straw is now manufactured in quantities by Mr. Shryock, of Chambersburgh, Pa. It is said to be a very superior article for newspaper wrappers.—Dampness adds to its strength.